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SIR;

THese Gentlemen and I come to present Your HIGHNESSE with the most humble Duties of a *French Reformed Church*, which is called here *the French Church of the Savoy*. 'Tis so just a Debt,

that it ſhould have been diſcharged before, had not Reſpect and Modeſty reſtrained our haſty Deſires. Beſides, it is often with Men as with God, that the *laſt* comers are more welcome then the reſt; eſpecially when they come with a certain Zeal and ſuch Diſpoſitions that make amends for their Negligence. We believe we may averr it, Sir, and that without preſumption, that as none did ever yet approch Your HIGHNESSE with a more paſſionate Zeal, nor with greater Reſpect: ſo we believe never any one had more Reaſons then we have to doe it, that is, publick Reaſons and private Motives. The Publick Reaſons, Sir, which make us conceive ſuch high thoughts of Zeal and Honour for Your HIGHNESSE are known to all the World, which none can be ignorant of but thoſe who either have never read that which Hiſtories relate to us concerning

eerning the Glory of Your *Forefathers*, or who have never heard of the Esteem & great Hopes which all *Europe* hath of You, the Off-spring of so many *Hero's*. But besides these General Reasons that we have to honour exceedingly Your HIGHNESSE, we have Private ones that are much more engaging then the others. The great Obligations which the KING hath laid upon us, His Goodnesse and His Piety for an Outlandish Church, so near His Court, so many Favours which we continually receive from His Protection and Royal Magnificence, are very pressive Engagements to honour a Nephew whom He loveth, and whom He loveth so tenderly and so justly as He doth Your HIGHNESSE: a Nephew so near His Throne and His Heart. Nevertheless that which excites more then any thing our Duties, our Respects and our Zeal, is, Sir, the Affection that You,

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have manifested for all Churches well Reformed, for the Purity of the Gospel both in Faith and Manners, for the Ministers of God's Word, and generally for all the Interests and Advancement of *Christ*'s Glory. Therefore let our Thoughts be weighed in the balance of Equity and Justice, and it will appear impossible for those who acknowledge so many great Reasons of honouring Your HIGHNESSE, to honour You with ordinary Respects. Every thing, Sir, is an Extreme between You and us; You by meriting our Duties, and we by paying that Homage which is due to Your extraordinary Merit. But the Civility of a Church must not be unprofitable: Churches must honour Princes with Effects rather then with Words, or at least by Words that are equivalent to Effects. 'Tis that, Sir, which ours will doe, and that she hath done, (seeing that before she spake to You,

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ſhe hath ſpoken to God for You,) and will repeat again, that ſhe may purchaſe for Your HIGHNESSE as much Happineſſe, Glory and Bleſſing as Heaven hath given You Perfections, and as we have Eſteem and Reſpect for Your Perſon.

FINIS.